

GOSSIP OF THE RACETRACK

EXACT STATE OF BETTING SITUATION AT PRESENT.

Police Are Respecting the Order of the Court as to Groups of Oral Speculators, but Will Arrest Recorders of Wagers—How Bets Are Made—To-day's Entries

The betting situation at the racetrack here just at present is causing much conflict of authority and a wide diversity of opinion as to the final result. When the Agnew-Hart bill became a law the opinion prevailed among radical reformers that racing had been effectively stamped out and that it was only a question of a few days before the tracks would be compelled to close their gates because of lack of public patronage necessary to pay the usual freight. At first the attendance fell off in a striking manner. It was due chiefly to the inability to bet openly with bookmakers under the old system, and also to the activity of the police in hustling patrons about so that friends were not permitted to gather in groups. For a week after the law went into effect the authorities, acting on the advice of Assistant District Attorney Elder of Kings county, arrested many persons charged with violating the law.

It was but natural that the public, in view of the attitude of the police, deputy sheriffs and the District Attorney's office, did not care to visit the track. The racing was going on at Grand Central, but the public was arrested or roughly handled, while the uncertainty as to just what the new law meant was a further obstacle. The atmosphere was far from cheerful. The public, however, on the opening day of the Sheepshead Bay meeting the Coney Island Jockey Club got a temporary injunction restraining the Police Department from interfering with the patrons of the track and the racing. The public probably would welcome the presence of some of the Keene, Belmont and Whitney horses in these events, as those racers have a large following.

The racing itself, in spite of troublous times, has been remarkably clean. Horses have run very close to form, and as a result the confidence of the public in the integrity of the turf remains unshaken. With the exception of the racing and the transfer of the Empire City meeting to the Beach following the usual seasons at Sheepshead Bay, Gravesend, Belmont Park, Jamaica and Aqueduct, so that the racing associations have been able to start the opening day of the season on November 15. After that, any turn of the clouds may develop a silver lining.

To-day's card for the Beach shows much quality, all things considered. Some crack colts are on the track, and the racing will be a handicap at six furlongs, with King Cobalt, Nimbus and Aluda possible factors. Two-year-olds will run in the second race at six furlongs, with King Cobalt, Nimbus and Aluda possible factors. In a handicap at the same distance, King Cobalt, Nimbus and Aluda are the main contenders. The racing will be a handicap at six furlongs, with King Cobalt, Nimbus and Aluda possible factors. In a handicap at the same distance, King Cobalt, Nimbus and Aluda are the main contenders. The racing will be a handicap at six furlongs, with King Cobalt, Nimbus and Aluda possible factors. In a handicap at the same distance, King Cobalt, Nimbus and Aluda are the main contenders.

VANDEBILT HORSES WIN TWO.
Seaside H. Takes President of the Republic's Prize, Valued at \$20,000.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
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BRUSHES ON THE SPEEDWAY.
Fair Programme of Sport on the Drive—Tempus Fugit vs. Coast Marie.
Taking into consideration the fact that most of the Speedway favorites are in training at local tracks, there was a very fair attendance at the first day of the season. The racing was won by Tempus Fugit. The betting was 2 to 1 against the winner. The prize was valued at \$20,000.

GOLF AMATEURS OF THE WEST

BEGIN CHAMPIONSHIP TO-DAY AT ROCK ISLAND.

All Eyes Searching for a Young Lochinvar Worthy of National Honors—St. Andrews Makes Concession to Americans on Rules—Another Title to Lassen.

Only D. E. Sawyer and Warren K. Wood lasted to the third round of the national amateur championship at Cleveland last July, when E. M. Byers beat the former and J. D. Travers the latter in matches that were won by only 1 up. Two Pittsburghers, Byers and Fowles, with the Easterners, Travers and Graham, were the semi-finalists to the discomfiture of the Chicago groups and of all the groups between Detroit and Denver. Yet in three other years the West produced the national winner there is always more than local interest in the outcome of the Western Golf Association championship.

The fourth round of the tournament begins this morning at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. In the Olympic team match there last Saturday the best thirty-six hole score was 77, 75-152, by K. P. Edwards, while the leading cards for Saturday are eighteen hole rounds by E. M. Hunter, 70; H. G. Legge, 78; and H. W. Allen, 79. Warren K. Wood, D. E. Sawyer, Arthur Mitchell and Harold Best are the only players who have won the capabilities of making more than 60. The field will be representative of the 500 square miles of W. G. A. territory, and it may happen that the player who is to gain his national title will be a Westerner.

There will be two days of medal play, each of eighteen holes, and on Wednesday morning the best thirty-two will begin match play. Preliminary matches will be played on Tuesday, the semi-final and final at thirty-six holes. All the defeated at that time will begin a qualifying round on Thursday morning for three "flights" cups, eight in each set. The preliminary matches will be played on Tuesday, the semi-final and final at thirty-six holes. All the defeated at that time will begin a qualifying round on Thursday morning for three "flights" cups, eight in each set.

Regarding rules and revisions, the Chicago Post says that Crafts W. Higgins is going to put "code" of golf rules following the opening day of the St. Andrews rules, although the work of the Scotch club's committee. The article adds: "The work of the Chicago Golf Club, one of the best known American golf experts, says he is much pleased with the Higgins code, which will be adopted by the American Golf Association without changing the spirit of the game."

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NEW WEST SIDE A. C. GAMES.
Bains First in the 70 Yard Dash—Exciting Half Mile Walk.
Paul Bains won the seventy yard dash from the New York City Athletic Club. The race was won by Paul Bains. The betting was 2 to 1 against the winner. The prize was valued at \$20,000.

LAWN TENNIS.

MAKING GOOD USE OF LONG DISTANCE HITS.

St. Louis Men Unable to Get Satisfaction When Needed—Cuba Break Even With the Philistines—Boston Defeat Cincinnati—Whitewater Break in Active Operation.

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SHAMROCK'S FINE RECORD.

Morton F. Plant to Build and Race Around Next Year.

Morton F. Plant, who some years ago had the schooner Ingot built and raced in foreign waters and afterward in home waters, and who this year has built the home ocean racing yacht, the Shamrock, is to build a yacht for the European 25 meter class and race her in the British regatta next season. If he does this in all probability Capt. Charles Barr will have one of the new craft and will enter the sport on the other side very brilliant.

The 25 meter is equivalent to the 75 footers on this side and is the size with which Sir Thomas Lipton wished to compete for the America's cup this year. Had his challenge been accepted by the New York Yacht Club eight or nine yachts would have been built and the racing here would have been of a very high order. Instead Sir Thomas has built the Shamrock built from designs by Fife which is racing in British waters most successfully. Up to July 2, when she took part in the regatta of the Royal Large Yacht Club on the Clyde, the Shamrock had won four races, three firsts and three seconds, the Brynild three firsts and three seconds and the Nyrja two seconds.

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SULLIVAN'S OLYMPIC VIEWS

A. A. U. MOGUL CONSERVATIVE AS TO U. S. ATHLETES.

Since his arrival in London J. E. Sullivan has been asked many times how he stands on the possibility of the American team at the Olympic games and it is noticeable that he is considerably more conservative in his estimate than before he left here for the British capital. His opinion on the subject is that the American team would score as well as any two other nations put together, while now he thinks that America will win seven events and England six. It is not known that this calculation has been based on the fact that Sullivan has won the American team at the Olympic games and it is noticeable that he is considerably more conservative in his estimate than before he left here for the British capital.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At Kansas City—Kansas City & Minneapolis 4-1.

At St. Paul—St. Paul, 2; Milwaukee 1. Second game—St. Paul, 4; Milwaukee, 3.

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